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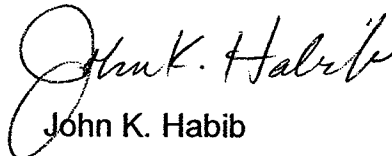
RE: Investigation Regarding the Assignment of Interstate Pipeline Capacity
Pursuant to D.T.E. 98-32-B, D.T.E. 04-1

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

On behalf of New England Gas Company (the "Company"), I am writing to notify you that the Company is endeavoring to complete its responses to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy's First Set of Discovery in the above-referenced proceeding. Although none of the questions asked were exclusive to the Company, the Company will file responses to the "generic" questions asked of each of the local distribution companies as soon as they are completed.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this correspondence.

Very truly yours,


John K. Habib

Enclosures

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